

Kaukauna Locks and Dam, Storage Building/Boathouse at Lock 1 HAER No. WI-87-D
Approximately 30 feet northwest of the lock
Kaukauna
Outagamie County
Wisconsin

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Location: The Boathouse at Kaukauna Locks and Dam, Lock 1 is located northwest of the lock in French lot PC 1, T21N, R18E, Civil Town of Vandebroek, Outagamie County, Wisconsin.

UTM: 16/399260/4903800; USGS Quadrangle: Kaukauna, Wisconsin 7.5' series

Date of Construction: 1930

Engineer: United States Army Corps of Engineers with Contractors

Architect: United States Army Corps of Engineers with Contractors

Present Owner: United States Army Corps of Engineers

Present Use: Storage of paints and petroleum products.

Significance: The boathouse/storage building was originally constructed as an oil storage facility. The building also once functioned as a boathouse and currently provides storage for flammables. The boathouse/storage building functions as part of the daily operation of the Kaukauna Locks and Dam Complex.

Project Information: This documentation was undertaken in 1995 in accordance with requirements detailed in a June 19, 1994 letter from Gregory D. Kendrick, Chief, History Branch, NPS to Dale Monteith, Acting Chief, Planning Division, USACOE, Detroit District. The Lower Fox system remains basically operational but was placed in caretaker status by the USACOE in 1982. The USACOE plans to divest itself of the Lower Fox system as soon as is feasible; therefore, NPS requested this documentation. All documentation conforms to HAER standards.

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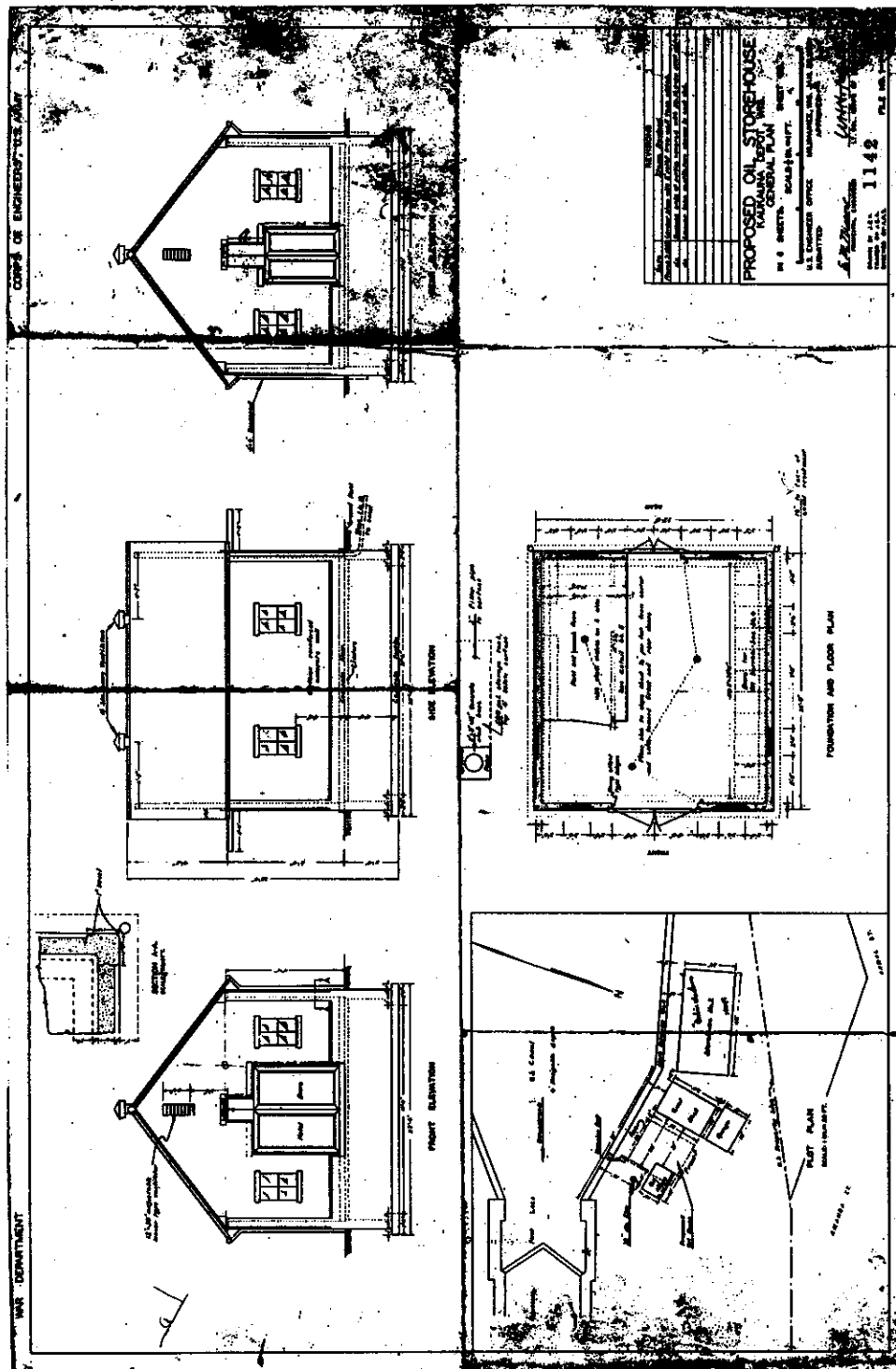
BOATHOUSE/STORAGE BUILDING

The following description of the extant Lock 1 boathouse is derived from as built plans for a proposed oil storehouse dated March 3, 1938, and approved on January 28, 1938. The former oil storehouse has since been converted to use as a boathouse and flammable materials storage facility. The building is a 1 1/2 story front gabled structure. It has cement walls of 6 inch thick reinforced concrete, bounded by plaster strips, cast with projecting door and window sills and lintels. The floor is also concrete. The overhanging roof has a plain cornice and is roofed with asphalt shingles. Round vent hoods spaced 7 feet 3 inches in from each end of the roof ridge are complemented by louvered vent panels in the upper gables. The landward (front) and lockward (rear) sides contain metal doors which close around a projecting hoist beam. Eight windows are spaced two on each side, four feet above the floor. At present, the metal framed sidewall windows and those flanking the endwall doors are mostly obscured by plywood panels.¹

ENDNOTES

- 1 USACOE, Proposed Oil Storehouse, Kaukauna Depot, Wisconsin, General Plan, File No. 1-P-41, January 28, 1938.

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Photocopy of General Plan for Proposed Oil Storehouse, Kaukauna Depot, Wis., File No. 1-P-4, sheet 1.